

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claims 12 - 15, 18, 27 and 29 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 12 - 15, 18, 27 - 30 and 33 are presented for examination.

In Paragraphs 1 - 6 of the Office Action, claims 12 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nguyen, U.S. Patent No. 6,032,150 ("Nguyen") in view of Andersen, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,941 ("Andersen").

In Paragraphs 7 - 12 of the Office Action, claims 13 - 15, 18, 28 - 30 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nguyen, U.S. Patent No. 6,032,150 ("Nguyen") and Andersen, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,941 ("Andersen") in further view of Ananda, U.S. Patent No. 5,638,513 ("Ananda").

In Paragraphs 13 and 14 the Examiner has indicated that claim 12 does not recite the features that the applet does not check or validate a password, and that the server computer that houses the proprietary data checks or validates the password prior to releasing such data. The Examiner further cites *In re: Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993) establishing that limitations from the specification are not read into the claims.

Applicant has accordingly amended claim 12 and also claim 27 so as to incorporate the indicated features.

In Paragraph 15 the Examiner has indicated that Nguyen describes a password associated with a program applet since a user presents a password that is associated with a unique ID of the applet. Applicant has accordingly amended claims 12 - 15 and 18 to eliminate the wording "associated with" and to indicate that the password is embedded in the applet; i.e., contained within the bytes of the applet itself.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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